

THE APPLE TREE

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The Appleby Research Organisation Newsletter.

All correspondence should be sent to:



Membership of The Appleby Research Organisation is open to all members of the Appleby family, in all its varied forms of spelling. We also welcome researchers, family historians and in fact anyone with an interest in the worldwide Appleby family.

The annual membership is just £5, paid by cheque drawn on a British Bank and made payable to:

The Appleby Research Organisation.

Overseas members may pay by sending \$15 in U.S., Canadian or Australian dollar bills.

ARO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We welcome as new committee members of the A.R.O., ~~John Appleby~~, ~~12 Church Street, Elizabethville, South Australia~~; and also David Cotton, ~~Anderson Street, Bendigo 3550, Victoria, Australia~~. Both David and Peter have been a member for a number of years and have agreed to assist taking the ARO into the Millennium.

Peter can also be contacted through his Email address at:

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We are also seeking additional representatives, particularly in the USA and Canada as well as in the UK. We need members who are prepared to work for the

ARO on a voluntary basis in promoting the ARO in your area or assisting in gathering or recording data on PC computer.



CRIMINAL REGISTER INDEXES

Is anyone missing from your family tree in the early nineteenth century? Have you ever wondered if they might be in jail, or Australia?

The Criminal Register Indexes, which are on microfiche, can provide a very quick answer to the above question. The Home Office recorded persons tried in England and Wales between the years 1805 and 1892 in the series of registers now held as Class HO27 at the Public Records Office. Now for the first time, the people recorded in these volumes are being indexed county by county.

Full information from the registers is provided (giving details of aliases, court, offence and sentence).

The first of these indexes covering the period 1805-1816 are now available for certain counties from Stuart Tamblin, 14 Copper Leaf Close, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7HS. prices range from £2.99 to £5.99.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK APPLEBY

Past and present members of the Colchester Post Office staff demonstrated their affection and esteem for an old colleague who had served 46 years with the postal department by their attendance at St Mary-at-the Walls, Colchester on Tuesday, 27 July

1926 when the funeral service was conducted of the late Mr. Frederick Appleby of North Station Road, Colchester.

The deceased gentleman who was a popular member of the staff at Colchester, where he had been for forty years, entered the service at Peterborough in 1875, coming to Essex in 1881. An expert telegraphist, the late Mr. Appleby was a member of the special staff for racing and other big events, and was one of those specially appointed to cope with the big rush of messages connected with the notorious Moat Farm Murder at Saffron Walden. Upon his retirement in 1921 he was the recipient of the King's medal for meritorious service. A popular member of the Colchester North End Institute, he was also actively interested in the Colchester Social Club's League.

For years he had been a committee member of the Institute, and much regret was occasioned recently by his fall from the platform at the institute. The shock no doubt affected his heart, and following his first walk on his injured leg, when his friends hoped he was nearing convalescence, his heart suddenly failed and he passed away peacefully, leaving behind him a memory that will long be cherished.

Among a long list of mourners were Mrs Isabella Appleby (widow) and daughter, Miss Babs Appleby, Mrs Hatch (sister in law), Mr Theobald (nephew), and Mr. W. L. Appleby from Walton on the Naze (former Post Office Superintendent).

Extracts from a newspaper cutting dated 1926, kindly sent by Mrs. Stella Brockway-Watts

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICK.

My grandfather, Frederick Appleby, son of James Appleby and Elizabeth Deeley had six brothers and sisters. They were Joseph b. 1847; James b. 1851; Alfred b. 1853; Elizabeth b. 1855; Harriet b. 1858 and Arthur b. 1864. I am anxious to learn About his siblings and their descendants.

Joan Holmstrem, ARO/AE62

CRIMINAL REGISTER EXTRACT

Elizabeth Appleby, age not given, was tried at the summer assizes at Northampton for the crime of larceny in a dwelling house in a sum above £2 in 1813. Sentence: Not guilty.

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BISHOP APPLEBY

David Cotton writes to tell us that The Anglican Bishop of the Northern Territory in Australia, is an Appleby. Is he in "Who's Who"?

SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN WW1

John Appleby. Suffolk Regiment. Enlisted Ipswich. 3759 Private. Died of wounds in Flanders, France. 29 Oct. 1916. 4th Battn. Suffolk.

John Appleby. Born Birmingham, Warwickshire. Enlisted at Warwick 242119 Private. Died at home 30 April 1917. Formerly 6165 2/5th Suffolk Regt.

Francis William Appleby, born Wootton St. Lawrence. Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regt. Enlisted Basingstoke. 23399. Pte. killed in action 18 Feb. 1917 Flanders, France.

Edward Appleby, born Hackney, London. Enlisted Holborn 204206. 1st. Battn. Norfolk Regt. Killed in Action 2 November 1917 Flanders, France.

Ezra Appleby, born Rowley, Staffs. Enlisted Dudley. Norfolk Regt.. 23207 Pte. Died India 18 June 1918 (formerly 9188 Worcs.. Regt.)

STRAYS FROM THE 1891 CENSUS.

Susan Appleby aged 13 at the Foundling hospital for the maintenance of exposed and deserted young children, Guildford St., London EC. residence of mother not known.

Mary Appleby, housewife aged 49. pa-

John Appleby, single aged 27 from Wellington, O. Grenadier Guards, Chelsea Barracks.

Arthur W. Appleby boarder single aged 22, living in West Ham, Essex. Railway Engine foreman from Colchester, Essex.

Ellen and Adeline Appleby. Ellen aged 14, born Oxford and Adeline aged 12 born Manchester were under order of detention in the Home of the Good Shepherd Industrial School, West Ham, Essex.

Charles Appleby aged 15 born Thirsk, Yorkshire was a boy inmate training for the sea on the Training ship "Cornwall" in Purfleet, Essex.

Edith & Louisa Appleby born at Newhaven, Sussex. Edith aged 15 and Louisa aged 13 were scholars at the Sailors Orphan Girls School and Home in Greenhill Road, Hampstead, London.

Edith Appleby, a patient aged 5 in the North Western Hospital for the Metro Asylum Board, Haverstock Hill.

Thos. and Albert Appleby, both born at Newton, Lancashire. Thos. a groom aged 35 and Albert a Dyer aged 26 were living at the Cosy Common Lodging House, 18 Pump Street, Oldham Rd., Manchester.

LOSS OF A USEFUL CITIZEN

Thus was the death of Edward Joseph Appleby reported in the newspaper in October 1906.

On Friday, 21st September 1906 at about twenty minutes to eleven Mr. Appleby was cycling in Raby Place, Bath, when he was thrown from his cycle - and there can be no mistake that this mishap was the primary cause of his death. For it gave him a severe shock, and it had been known for some time that his heart was weak.

A witness stated that Mr Appleby was free wheeling down Raby Place, and he saw the bicycle catch the side of a stone and the machine seemed to skid, Mr. Appleby fell on his right side. When he fell the witness got down from his cart and gave assistance. The stone was about the size of a walnut. Mr. Appleby had been holding a bag of apples in his hand.

A gentleman drove Mr. Appleby home and the witness took the bicycle and the apples to Mr. Appleby's home. He seemed dazed.

Another witness said that she did not think that it was a stone which caused the fall but that the basket of apples touched the front wheel.

Mr Appleby was in a great deal of pain, and died, at the age of 58, on the 24th October at 8 Argyle Street, Bath. He was the elder son of the late John Appleby of Lexden.

Edward Joseph Appleby came to Bath in about 1876 as assistant to Mr Elkin, proprietor of a chemist business in Argyle st., where he lived for the remainder of his life. After a few years he became Mr. Elkin's partner.

He was a sidesman and churchwarden at Bathwick; a trustee of the parochial schools. Before 1886 he was a Gladstonian Liberal, but later became a Unionist. He was a keen photographer and gave a lecture on the subject at

the Assembly rooms. His work for the town council saw him serving on many committees.

BILLS CLOSE DISPUTE

I mentioned in our last newsletter the purchase of a bundle of legal papers dating from 1848, which I have now been able to dust off and read. They concern a dispute between William Fearn & John Tomlinson as the plaintiffs and Thomas Appleby the Defendant.

The dispute went to arbitration, under the direction of Francis Wright of Osmaston Manor, Derbyshire, and the award is dated 30 January 1848.

Regrettably the arbitrator went to great lengths, and many pages to set out the details of the dispute and his findings, but omitted to say the situation of the land in dispute, so we are at somewhat of a loss to establish the place concerned, although some local names are mentioned, such as Hartshorn Meadows and Bills Close, but not the village, town or County. The only clue is the address of Francis Wright in Derbyshire.

However this is a very brief description of the events. Each of the parties had a right to the use of water from a stream for the purposes of irrigation and watering of cattle. It seems that Thos. Appleby was in the habit of blocking the stream for unlimited periods, thus leaving his neighbours devoid of water. It was agreed that all parties would accept the ruling of the arbitrator., It was also agreed that George Thomas Whitgreave should also be bound by the settlement, and that William Orfe the owner of the Close now in the occupation of Edward Walker should likewise be bound.

The land in question is described as Big Bills Close; Middle Bills Close and Little or Lower Bills Close - altogether a little over 10 acres. Through this land, each had free use and enjoyment of the water of the stream.

The judgement of the said Francis Wright was that Thomas Appleby should enjoy the use of the water for 15 days at a time and no more, and that the other parties should likewise have use for the next 15 days one after the other until it became the turn of Thomas Appleby again.

Thomas Appleby was to erect at his own cost within 14 days and place a moveable wooden floodgate in that part of the stream marked with a stake driven into the ground. It should be 3ft 6inches wide and not less than

3ft 6in. deep. Not less than 24 inches from the bottom of the floodgate he was to cut a circular aperture not less than 3/4 inch in diameter.

As stated he was permitted to shut down the floodgate for no more than 15 days and thus divert the stream and turn as much water as shall not flow through the aperture.

William Orfe and Edward Walker were to likewise erect similar floodgates at given points along the stream, and thus it was settled. The cost of this arbitration was £55.12. 6d.

AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

We are indebted to Peter Applebee for sending photocopies of the Biographical Index of South Australians 1836-1885. Also from South Australian Births - the Index of Registrations 1842-1906. These names and details are being added to our own records and together with other Australian indexes already received, we now have a very comprehensive index of records from Australia.

IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR

Tom Applebee from Cincinnati, USA, writes: "My presumed immigrant ancestor, Thomas Applebe, came to Gravesend in present day Brooklyn, New York City in 1651. At the time Gravesend was an English settlement in New Amsterdam. We do not know his ancestry.

He also cites the postmaster at Huston, Idaho. Connie Applebee Hill who he says has the best records of her lineage, which comes from Benjamin Applebee 1796-1862 and Elizabeth Ghoist 1794-1851.

"Benjamin and Elizabeth were first located in Muskingum County, Ohio at the 1830 census. Then they moved to Western Illinois where the family stayed together for a full generation. Connie's branch moved on to north central Kansas then went to Oklahoma when the former "Indian Territory" was opened for settlement shortly after the turn of the last century. Our efforts to find the ancestors of Benjamin Applebee have not been successful. Some members of the family think that he was born in Maine"

AUSTRALIAN HEROES

We are indebted to a correspondent in Australia for kindly sending photocopies of the Appleby returns of the "Particulars required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum". This is in connection with the 1914-18 world war, and the particulars include not only persons born in Australia, but also some who were born in England.

We give below extracts from a few of the returns:

4747 Pte Horace Robert Appelbee, born Kent Town, South Australia, son of H. C. Appelbee. Enlisted 23 Jan. 1917, aged 23 - occupation Stone Polisher. Died 23 June 1918 - Killed in action. France.

9467 Cyril Berkeley Appelby. 6th Army Field Artillery. Born Petersham, N.S. W. Australia. Died 7 November 1917 at the Somme.

14701 Pte. Frederick George Appleby. 10th Light Trench Mortar Battery. Born London, England. Killed in action Ypres, Belgium 12 October 1917 aged 26. *Memorial Reg No. 29 The Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium*

Capt. Wilfred Lawson Appleby, 18th Battalion. Born Broom Lane Terrace, Sleetburn, Co. Durham, England. Killed in Action 20 Sept. 1917 Menin Road, Belgium. Aged 22 previous occupation Bricklayer. Son of Edward & Jane Anne Appleby. Came to Australia when he was 16.

Capt. Arthur Harold Appleby, 12th Battalion. Born Hobart, Tasmania. Previous occupation = Clerk. Died 6 May 1917 at Bullecourt aged 25. Son of Arthur Herbert & Elizabeth Morland Appleby. (*Memorial Reg. No. 26 Villers Bretonneux, France.*)

EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA

We are anxious to obtain a print out of the Appleby listings of emigrants to America from the United Kingdom in the 1800's. If any member has access to such a listing we shall be most grateful.

APPLEBY'S FROM ESSEX.

We are still actively compiling a record of the Appleby's born, married or died in the County of Essex, England. The project is now nearing completion, that is so far as we have been able to complete it from Census returns, parish records, wills, etc.